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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

William J Deane

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2 pages.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 – 7 and 12 – 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by GB Patent Application No. 2 327 565 (Byford).

Byford clearly teaches Applicants' device as claimed. See Page 2, line 22 – Page 3, line 22, page 5, lines 23 – 33, Page 6, line 19 – Page 7, line 21 and Page 8, line 32 – Page 9, line 23. See also the Figs. and claims of Byford.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8 – 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Byford in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0002348 (Fraccaroli).

Byford teaches the claimed device except explicitly teaching the supplying of the position information based on prescribed criteria like location of another radio station or time or number. However, Fraccaroli teaches such at paragraphs 0039, 0049 (identity info = phone number) and 0054. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in

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the art to have incorporated such prescribed criteria restrictions as taught by Fraccaroli into the Byford device in order to protect privacy.

Claim 10 is further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Byford in view of WO 99/27746 (Kingdon et al.).

Byford teaches the claimed device except the supplying of position information based on a phone number. However, Kingdon teaches that such is old in the art (see page 5, lines 21 – 23). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have incorporated such prescribed criteria restrictions as taught by Kingdon et al. into the Byford device in order to protect privacy.

Conclusion


The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

U.S. Patent No. 6,772,213 (Glorikian) – note Abstract; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,754,504 (Reed) – note Abstract.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bill Deane whose telephone number is (703) 306-5838. In addition, facsimile transmissions should be directed to Bill Deane at facsimile number (703) 872-9306.

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